

FOCH'S STRATEGY SHATTERS PRUSSIAN LINE OF DEFENSE

NEW YORK, August 10.—(Associated Press)—The Allies are continuing to sweep back the Germans across the Picardy plains, capturing one point after another, taking many prisoners and guns and capturing huge quantities of supplies.

The advance is along the entire twenty-mile front, which extends in a sweeping curve from east of Morlancourt to the Aisne River northeast of Montdidier. The German losses are heavy, the ground over which the French and British are advancing being dotted with German bodies, while the retreat is so rapid that all kinds of material has been abandoned, no attempt having been made in the greater number of cases to even destroy the huge quantities of supplies.

BRITISH LOSSES SMALL

The British losses, on the other hand, continue to be relatively small. One English battalion, which has been in the thickest of the fighting, for instance, has only lost six killed and sixty six wounded during its advance which has carried it eleven miles into the German area.

It was officially reported at noon in London that up to that time more than seventeen thousand Germans had been captured, with three hundred guns, between the Somme and the Aisne.

GENERAL RETREAT UNDER WAY

On the north, in the Lys salient, a general German retreat appears to be under way, with the British shelling the retreating enemy and following closely on its heels. The Germans are drawing in both sides of their salient and abandoning ground that cost them thousands and thousands of men to gain in their April and early May drives for the Channel Ports. The principal retirements yesterday were northwest of La Bassée and southwest of Ypres, where, north of Mt. Kemmel, there was a retreat along a seven-mile front.

LYS SALIENT THREATENED

This retreat in the north is taken to indicate that Rupprecht's reserves have been depleted for the purpose of reinforcing the Crown Prince on the Aisne and the lines north and south of the Somme and that the danger of the army in the Lys salient being pocketed is recognized by the German general staff. It is not yet improbable that an Allied move to close the mouth of the Lys salient by an advance north and south towards Armentieres will be made. Any retirement that would materially reduce the area of this salient would make it wholly untenable, more so than was the Marne salient.

It is quite probable, also, that the rapid advance of the Allies east from the Aisne, on the Amiens front, will squeeze the Germans back from the Montdidier salient and force a readjustment of their lines for at least as far east as Noyons.

The French and Canadians along the southern end of the advancing line are working both east and south and every foot of advance made by them adds to the German peril in the Montdidier sector.

IMPORTANT POINTS TAKEN

Advancing more than four miles during the day, sweeping back the German rearguards, the French last night reached and captured Pierrepont, almost due north of Montdidier and five miles away. On the French left the Canadians have captured Arrivillers, well to the east of Montdidier. Beaucourt and le Quesnel were occupied and passed early in the day and the line of the center of the arc was carried through Folies, Warvillers and to the east of Rosieres.

At this point the Allied line has been brought to within five miles of the important junction point of Chaulnes, from which branches south the sole railroad line now left to the Germans with which to feed their forces in Roye and Montdidier, which line is now under French shellfire near Montdidier and under the British guns at Chaulnes.

NEW LINE ESTABLISHED

From Rosieres north the line last night ran east of Raincourt, swinging back west to Mericourt and Chipilly and from there north to Morlancourt. The Germans are offering a heavy resistance at Chipilly and regained that town yesterday with a heavy counter.

Elsewhere the Allied cavalry and tanks are overrunning the country, cutting through the disorganized German ranks and adding to the confusion into which the enemy has been thrown. Aviators are also sweeping back and forth over the heads of the retreating Germans, bombing their transports, spraying their columns with machine gun fire and destroying bridges over the Somme and other rivers to add to the confusion of the retreat and delay it while the Allied infantry catches up. The aviators report the whole German army streaming east at a rapid rate, exploding their ammunition dumps.

In the advances yesterday the French took four thousand prisoners and much material. Among the prisoners it is reported that a general commanding one of the German divisions has been taken.

In the air fighting during the day the British aviators shot down twenty-two German machines and drove others back, retaining control of the air over the areas being evacuated.

ONE THOUSAND CITIZENS MADE IN FEW MINUTES

WASHINGTON, August 9.—(Official)—At a military training camp in the Middle West more than 1,000 alien soldiers became citizens of the United States in a few minutes, together taking the oath of allegiance to the United States and renouncing adherence to any foreign potentate. The oath was administered to them in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

WILL HOLD CONFERENCE WITHIN COMING MONTH

WASHINGTON, August 9.—(Associated Press)—Minister Garrett at the Hague announces in a cable message that arrangements for the conference as to prisoners, their exchange and treatment, are going satisfactorily and that the American commission should be in Bern within a month.

GENERAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG, commander of the British forces whose men are sweeping forward in the new offensive capturing prisoners by the thousand, guns by the hundred and munitions and stores in vast quantities avenging the British losses of the early phases of the German offensive.



LOSSES ADMITTED IN REPORT FROM BERLIN

German Official Communique Says "Allies Are Stopped"

LONDON, August 10.—(Associated Press)—The day official communique issued at Berlin yesterday, asserts that German counters have stopped the Allies between the Somme and the Aisne, but admits that "we suffered losses in prisoners and guns."

The night official statement, sent out by wireless from Berlin, says: "The enemy has continued his attacks between the Somme and the Aisne."

CASUALTY LISTS ARE HIGH IN HUNDREDS

WASHINGTON, August 9.—(Associated Press)—American losses in the casualty lists officially reported yesterday amounted to 603, being divided 551 in the army and fifty two in the Marine Corps.

Marine casualties were four killed in action, five dead of wounds, and forty three wounded.

Army losses included 163 killed in action, one dead of wounds, three dead of other causes, and 333 missing.

Among the officers killed were: Capt. Robert Graham, Lieut. Eugene Raymond, John White, Guy Winstead and Gerald Stott. Dead of wounds, Lieut. William Saxe.

MORMON CHURCH SUBJECT OF ATTACK IN SAXONY

AMSTERDAM, August 9.—(Associated Press)—Representatives in Saxony of the Mormon Church have petitioned the Saxon chamber for permission to conduct freely their religious observances under the same privileges as those granted to other religious communities. The minister for public worship has consented to examine the question.

The Neues Saechsches Kirchenblatt the organ of the Saxon church, asks indignantly how people can be found to countenance such a proposition at this time. It declares that no competent German authority has ever recognized Mormonism.

"We take this," says the clerical organ, "as a challenge. Let us be on our guard. America is sending over forces to carry the war into our country and to cheat us out of peace."

MAIL FOR PRISONERS OF WAR IS ENORMOUS

BERNE, August 9.—(Associated Press)—A greater volume of mail must be destined to prisoners of war in Allied and Central countries passed through Switzerland during the month of May than during any month since the beginning of hostilities.

More than twenty million letters and cards addressed to various concentrations camps in Germany, France, Italy and Austria, were handled by the post between May 1 and May 15 all the mail destined to English prisoners of war in Germany was sent via Bern.

VIENNA IS "BOMBED" WITH NEWS OF DEFEAT

Italian Aviators See That News Reaches Enemy Capital

ROME, August 10.—(Associated Press)—An Italian air squadron bombarded Vienna yesterday with machine-guns addressed to the people, relating the news of the Franco-American victory against the Crown Prince on the Marne Aisne front and the great success now attending the Anglo-French offensive on the Somme. The flyers were not molested and all returned in safety to their bases.

On Thursday the British on the Italian front carried out a series of eight raids into the Austrian lines between Asiago and Canove. The raids netted a total of three hundred and fifteen prisoners.

GENERAL OTANI WILL COMMAND JAPANESE

WASHINGTON, August 10.—(Associated Press)—It was formally announced here yesterday that General Kikuo Otani has been designated by the Japanese war office as commander of the Japanese section of the joint military expedition to be sent to Siberia. He will be the ranking officer among the Allied commanders.

NEW SLAVIC LEGION ORDERED MOBILIZED

Immediate Formation Called For By Army Orders

WASHINGTON, August 9.—(Official)—Orders for the immediate mobilization of a Slavic legion at a military camp in the Atlantic States have been issued by the war department. The orders provide for the voluntary enlistment of Jugoslavians, Czechs, Slovaks, Ruthenians and other oppressed peoples who are anxious to fight against Germany and Austria-Hungary.

This is the legion which was authorized by the Army Appropriation Bill so far as practical the several companies and other units will be composed of men of the same race and the officers excepting field officers, will be appointed of the same race as the various units they are to command as far as this may be practicable.

SHORTAGE OF RICE IS NEARING PANIC STAGE

TOKIO, August 9.—(Associated Press)—If the high price and the shortage of rice continues it is feared panic may develop in Japan within a short time.

All Elements of Military Forces Are Merged Into Army of United States

WASHINGTON, August 9.—(Official)—There is to be one and only one United States Army in which are to be included all the elements of the existing forces. The terms national army and national guard and officers' reserve as elements of the United States forces, will no longer be used.

Under a general army order which was issued today there is created the "Army of the United States," in which every element of the existing forces is to be merged regardless of its origin.

The order further provides that the terms "regular army," "national guard" and "national army" and "officers' reserve" are abolished for all purposes and with them will go all insignia other than plain "U. S." the monogram heretofore reserved for the "regulars." Complete designation of the army forces are brought about by this order in reality as well as in name. When the guard was mustered in the name "guard" still clung to the divisions into which they went. So was it with the formation of the "national army" under selective draft system. Numbers of all of these elements are now overhauls, fighting together, and there is to be no distinction in name or in treatment between the individuals who go to make up the fighting forces of the army.

SPEEDY ACTION ON DRAFT LEGISLATION IS URGED BY BAKER

WASHINGTON, August 9.—(Associated Press)—Imperative need for extending the draft age limits and for the speedy enactment of the necessary legislation was told the senate committee on military affairs by Secretary of War Baker today. He told of the increased army program which proposes the placing of two million men in France more speedily than had been intended and said to carry out the proposed program meant that unless more class one men were furnished it would be necessary to invade the deferred classes of those between twenty-one and thirty-one years of age.

Under the proposed new draft ages, Baker said, it was probable that changes would be made which would relieve registrants of the necessity of claiming or refusing to claim exemption, that possibly married men, regardless of the question of other dependents, might be placed in deferred classification and that it would be possible to protect important industries from undue labor shortage.

Provost Marshal General Crowder has ordered a scrutiny of all draft boards work where such boards have classes less than fifty percent of the new registrants, those attaining twenty-one since the passage of the draft law, in class one.

BOLSHEVIKI RETREAT SEVENTY MILES SOUTH

Soviet's Statement Not Necessarily Declaration of War

WASHINGTON, August 9.—(Associated Press)—In Northern Russia the Allies are proceeding rapidly southward along the railroad leading to Volodga and the Bolsheviki forces, with the German and Austrian prisoners whom they have armed, have retired to a distance of seventy miles south of Archangel.

Explanation of the meaning of the Russian soviet government when it spoke of a "state of war existing with Britain and the Allies" is given in advice from Consul General Poole who says the Lenin advised him and the councils of the Allies that the statement need not be considered a declaration of war but rather that Russia could be on a state of defensive with the Allies as she had formerly been with Germany.

RUSSIAN SOCIETIES UNITED IN POLICY

WASHINGTON, August 9.—(Official)—The executive committee of the League to Aid Russia has planned the setting into one organization of hundreds of organizations, with a membership of thousands, in the United States all interested in the common cause, rehabilitation of Russia.

In a statement issued, the leaders of the league said that steps will be taken at once to unite all persons and organizations which wish to aid Russia "into a single unofficial force working steadily, continuously and concertedly for a friendly and permanent common understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Russia."

VLADIVOSTOK GLAD EXPEDITION COMING

TOKIO, August 9.—(Special to Hawaii Herald)—Welcoming the coming of a Japanese-American expeditionary force and approving the expression of purposes of the expedition, the mayor of Vladivostok called upon the Japanese consul, Goro Kikuchi and thanked him on behalf of the people of the city.

LULL IN ALBANIA

VIENNA, August 10.—(Associated Press)—Reports from the Albanian front indicate that the fighting has lulled and that no movements of importance for either side are in progress.

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TURNING POINT OF WAR IS SEEN WITH AMERICAN ARMY AS FACTOR

British Press Says United States Troops Are Equal of the Best Fighters in the World—Metal Proved

GERMAN ARMY OFFICER SAYS UNDERESTIMATED

Sammy's Make Further Gains North of Vesle and Capture Fismeste With One Hundred Prisoners

WASHINGTON, August 10.—(Associated Press)—This year's campaign is regarded as perhaps the turning point of the war and the American army is regarded as a chief factor for this result, it is reported in press despatches from London. The military critic of the Westminster Gazette is quoted in the despatches as saying that "our soldiers who have seen the American mettle put to the test say that the American troops are the equal of any in the world."

The growing respect of the German soldier for his American foe is told in a letter from which General Pershing quoted in his communique of yesterday. This letter was taken from the body of a German lieutenant who had been killed in action before he had been able to send the letter to his father. He had written: "The Americans are attacking our whole line. I have never seen anything like it in fighting before. We have fallen back for nothing could have withstood their assaults. From what I have seen in this terrible battle I think we have underestimated the Americans. They are the hardest and fiercest fighters I have met."

FOCH PRAISED

In the Teuton press there is coming a similar change of opinion of the Americans and of the Allies. Especially is credit being reluctantly given to General Foch, supreme commander of the Allies. Speaking of the fighting in the Aisne-Marne salient the Frankfurter Zeitung is quoted in a despatch from Switzerland as having said: "General Foch is a good soldier and his strategy has been crowned with success."

AMERICANS GAIN

On the north bank of the Vesle the American forces won further success yesterday in the capture of Fismeste, northwest of Fismes where they took a hundred prisoners as was reported by a Havas despatch from Paris.

In his communique of yesterday General Pershing said the situation along the Vesle was unchanged.

In his reports of the fighting on Wednesday and Thursday the American commander said: "East of Bazoches our troops crossed the Vesle and gained the Rheims-Soissons highway. The enemy's counter attacks broke down under our fire. On Thursday there were some local engagements which resulted in some gain of ground for our forces."

SPAIN PROTESTS AGAIN

MADRID, August 9.—(Associated Press)—Official announcement is made that Spain has sent a note of protest to Germany against the sinking of Spanish vessels by U boats.

GERMANS PAROLED

The last three Germans interned in Onhu prison have been paroled by orders received by the federal authorities from Washington. They are Gun Torgge, Rone Rykter and Frederick M. Soller. At one time there were over twenty of the Germans in the Onhu prison, but they all have been sent to mainland internment camps or paroled. The Germans paroled yesterday were sent to the Spanish island of Mallorca.

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